

***Halls Fork Prescribed Fire Project***  
**Spanish Fork Ranger District**  
**Uinta National Forest**  
**Fall 2004**

A prescribed fire project is scheduled for the Halls Fork area during the Fall of 2004, when conditions allow. The Halls Fork prescribed burn is expected to treat 2408 acres. The Halls Fork area is located northeast of Diamond Fork, in the Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta National Forest.

The purpose of the prescribed burns is to:

- Reintroduce fire into the ecosystem
- Reduce the risk and severity of catastrophic wildfires through reduction of hazard fuels
- Obtain diverse vegetation stands for wildlife habitats
- Establish effective regeneration of vegetation which helps to lower the amount of damage from insect and disease.

Vegetation to be burned in the designated areas will include primarily oak and maple, and aspen.

Qualified fire personnel will use hand crews and helicopters to ignite fires in designated areas. The fire will be monitored and controlled using hand crews and engines until project completion.

Due to prolific sprouting of oak, maple and aspen following fire, and adequate seed sources from existing vegetation, there will be rapid re-growth of vegetation.

Smoke seen in nearby counties will be within the State's clean air standards. The communities of Spanish Fork, Springville and Wallsburg may experience some temporary air quality degradation. Smoke may also impact Strawberry valley and recreation residences in Bryants Fork.

To protect the public, and fire personnel, roads accessing these areas will be temporarily closed during the burns. Access to Strawberry Ridge (Forest Road 299) between Clyde Creek (Forest Road 134), Twin Peaks (Forest Road 135), and Halls Fork (Forest Road 132) will be restricted.

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